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DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

The City of Somerville Design Review Committee held a public meeting on **Thursday, February 28, 2019**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

The purpose of the meeting was to review and make recommendations on the following proposal:

1. **300 Somerville Avenue:** Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 300 Somerville Avenue, LLC are seeking design review of a proposed 10-unit mixed-used structure. The proposal will require zoning relief.
 - a. **Applicant:** Elan Sassoon
 - b. **Project Team:** Jai Singh Khalsa - Architect, Richard G. DiGirolamo, Esq. – Attorney,
 - c. **Project Highlights by the Project Team:**
 - i. The applicant talked about the changes to the plans that include: second means of agrees with units 9 and 10, location of trash, building sections, removal of dormers, verification on windows at the property lines, indication of gas/electric meters and condensers, and a landscape plan.
 - ii. The landscape plan was updated to include more shade tolerant plantings and indicated trash storage, mailboxes, and gas/electric meters.
 - d. **DRC Comments:**
 - i. The DRC stated that they supported the removal of the dormers.
 - ii. The DRC requires that they be presented with the final materials prior to the issuance of a building permit.
 - iii. The DRC believes that the relationship between the cast stone and the existing building should be complementary by using a contrasting stone color.
 - iv. The DRC suggested that there be an address number above the main entrance to signify the principal entry.
 - v. The DRC wanted to express their support for the modern proposal and believes that that addition is distinct and compatible with the existing structure.

Other Business

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the follow meetings:

- December 20, 2018
The DRC approved the minutes with the edits presented this evening.

- February 7, 2019
The DRC approved the minutes with the edits presented this evening.

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